



Central AZ HIV Prevention Advocates



Full Group Meeting January 8, 2008 1366 E. Thomas Rd. Suite 108, Phoenix AZ Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jack Addington, David Aguirre, Lorraine Brown, Alisa Cusseaux, David Dubé, Erica Ferguson, Bev Foust, Fran Garrett, Kelli Houston, Dennis Huff, Trudie Jackson, Barr Jenkins, Mary Leasor, Ty Lopez, Diana Mitchell, Victor Pawlak, Brandy Peterson, Larry Stähli, Teisha Doyle-Shoudis, Cathy Torrez-Paddack, Jason Vail Cruz

Excused Absences: Todd Evans, Gal Frenkel, Rocksann Harris, Scott Haverstock, Brin Scott

Order:

Larry Stähli called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. Larry reviewed housekeeping items. Introductions were made. Larry volunteered as Time Monitor and Cathy Paddack volunteered as Process Monitor.

Gecko Grapevine:

Mary Leasor noted that there was a change in the agenda. Teisha Doyle-Shoudis will present on the Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health's HIV Counseling & Testing program at the March 11, 2008 meeting instead of that night.

Mary presented the group with a brief description of what the group's purpose is and its role as an advisory body to the AZ Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the statewide planning group, the HIV Prevention Planning Group of AZ (PPGA).

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Mary reminded members that Dennis Huff's co-chair term will be ending in May 2008. She asked members to think about running for co-chair. The co-chair election will be held at the May meeting. Mary encouraged those interested in running to talk with Dennis, Larry and Mary about the position.

Members approved the Nov. 13, 2007 minutes with the corrections of adding Bev Foust and Diana Mitchell to the attendee list and adding Barr Jenkins as excused.

The Membership Committee held a meeting in Dec. 2007 and began planning for a member training on HIV Prevention and Cultural Competency. CDC approved ITCA (Inter Tribal Council of AZ) to provide technical assistance for the training. The training is scheduled for Fri. Feb. 22, 2008 and will be open to all members, PPGA and other regional group members, Ryan White Planning Council members, and the general public. Mary will send more details out as they are confirmed. The next Membership Committee meeting will be on Tues. Jan. 29, 2008 from 11:30 AM- 1 PM at the Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health (4041 N. Central Ave. Phoenix) in the 15th floor Prickly Pear room. All are welcome to attend.

Cathy Paddack gave a PPGA update. The group last met in Dec. 2007 and heard updates from ADHS, the regional groups, and local partners. Rob Bailey provided an epidemiology presentation and TERROS presented on the Safety Counts program. The PPGA will be working on a draft of the statewide HIV

Prevention Comprehensive Plan and reviewing its bylaws in the next two months. Drafts are due to the AZ CDC Project Officer by March 1, 2008. The next PPGA meeting will be Mon. March 10, 2008 from 10 AM- 2 PM at the Area Agency on Aging (1366 E. Thomas Rd. Phoenix) in the first floor conference room. All members are encouraged to attend.

Ryan White Planning Council Report:

Larry Stähli reported that the Planning Council did not meet in Dec. 2007. The Council is still waiting to hear on the review of its application.

Larry also noted that Chicanos por la Causa (CPLC) will no longer be providing Part A services effective Feb. 29, 2008. The Administrative Agent, Kevin McNeal, is working to ensure CPLC Part A clients will continue to receive services through other providers. For more information you may contact Kevin McNeal at KevinMcNeal@mail.maricopa.gov or (602) 506-6181.

The next Planning Council meeting will be held Thurs. Jan. 10, 2008 from 5-6:30 PM at the Area Agency on Aging (1366 E. Thomas Rd) in the 1st floor conference room. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Planning Council Support at (602) 506-5002.

Hepatitis C Coalition Report:

Bev Foust announced that the committee is working on revising its bylaws. The Coalition is also going to be working on holding an event for World Hepatitis Day which is May 19, 2008.

Hep C Advocates United is a new national grassroots coalition. For more information, or to join, email rclary@projectinform.org More information is available at www.projectinform.org/advo/hepc/080707.shtml

The Hep C Appropriations Partnership is working to get funding increased for HCV in the 2009 Presidential Budget.

The next Hepatitis C Coalition meeting will be on Fri. Feb. 1, 2008 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM at TERROS (3003 N. Central Ave. Phoenix) in the 12th floor Redwood conference room. For more information, go to <http://www.hepcaz.net>

Announcements:

- ✚ Cathy Paddock announced that TERROS is providing testing on First Fridays from 9 AM- 9 PM at its 1st Ave. and Portland office. Testing will also be available on the last Saturday of the month by appointment. Mary will resend the flyer out to members.
- ✚ Cathy announced that the Aunt Rita's Foundation will be hosting the Savor Life "Host a Dinner, Host Hope" event on March 15, 2008. They are looking for sponsors for the event and prizes. The dessert event location is TBD. Aunt Rita's is also the fiduciary for the 2008 AIDS Walk that will be held on Oct. 5, 2008. There will be a Savor Life committee meeting on Wed. Jan. 16, 2008 from 5:30-7 PM at the Area Agency on Aging (1366 E. Thomas Rd) in the 1st floor conference room for anyone interested in volunteering to plan the event.
For more information on Savor Life go to www.auntritasfoundation.org
For more information on the Phoenix 2008 AIDS Walk go to www.aidswalk2008.org
- ✚ Jack Addington announced that Project Hard Hat will be having a booth at the Gay Rodeo that will be at the Gila River Wild Horse Pass the weekend of Jan. 19-20. He offered to let programs without a table of their own to place information at the Project Hard Hat table. Contact Jack at (602) 357-4390 or jack@projecthardhat.org

- ✚ Teisha announced that she and Jason Vail Cruz are the co-chairs for the 2008 Phoenix World AIDS Day Planning Committee. The first meeting will be on Wed. Jan. 16, 2008 from 1:30-3 PM at the Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health clinic (1645 E. Roosevelt, Phoenix). Everyone is welcome to join the committee.

2008 Formative Evaluation Project Discussion:

Mary gave the group an overview on the Formative Evaluation Project that ADHS has asked each regional planning group to complete. Project details include:

- Identifying a HIV prevention need in the region that does not directly overlap with current funded programs
- Completing a formative evaluation process on a chosen target population
- Drafting a proposal plan that includes outlining the target population, the prevention format (DEBI/EBI) to be used, and the funding necessary to implement a program
- The scope of the intervention should be regional (i.e. not statewide)
- The plan should identify an existing DEBI/EBI to be used
- The group will not be expected to deliver the intervention, but needs to recommend sources for funding
- ADHS will provide training specific to the process of formative evaluation
- ADHS will set a framework and collaborate with the regional staff person to ensure ongoing assistance
- The plan is due by the end of 2008

The group reviewed the current ADHS funded populations as well as the populations that were recommended to be targeted, but had not been. Those populations included Black non-Hispanic women and individuals with a STD diagnosis. Members also proposed additional populations with unmet Prevention needs including Latinas, women of color in general, homeless individuals, GLBT youth and those with HCV. After discussion, the group came to consensus to focus on Black, non-Hispanic women.

If the group completes its project on Black, non-Hispanic women before the end of 2008, it may do another formative evaluation on an additional population.

The Epi & Priority Setting Committee will be the work group for the project. It will report its progress to the full group at subsequent meetings for approval of plan development. Mary will send out meeting notices for the committee once its meetings have been set. Everyone will be welcome to participate on the committee.

Mary passed out committee sign up sheets before the break. All members are encouraged to join at least one of the six HIV Prevention Advocates committees.

Hep C Collaboration Discussion:

The group continued its discussion on coordinating more with the Hepatitis C Coalition. Bev stated that currently, the Hep C Coalition needs more dedicated member participation. The group is also actively revising its mission statement and bylaws.

Ideas generated included:

- Collaborating on World Hepatitis Day (May 19) and other activities
- Convening a HIV Prevention Advocates committee to help recruit members for the Coalition
- Having the Coalition meet before or after HIV Prevention Advocates meetings
- Holding Coalition recruitment and information meetings before the HIV Prevention Advocates meetings

- Merging the Coalition with the HIV Prevention Advocates
 - Several issues were identified here:
 - Coalition has 501c3 and the HIV Prevention Advocates are grant funded by ADHS
 - Would ADHS permit the merger- PPGA/CDC issues?
 - Coalition is statewide vs. regional HIV Prevention Advocates
 - Could missions, focuses be aligned?
 - Would the Coalition lose some of its autonomy- HIV Prevention Advocates reports to PPGA, ADHS
 - Delegation of staff duties- Coalition staffing vs. Mary
 - Time management of the agenda so one does not overrun the other

As a next step Mary will talk to ADHS staff about the logistics and possibilities of merging groups. Bev will bring the ideas brainstormed to the Hep C Coalition at its Feb. meeting. The two groups will form a joint committee to further look at collaboration opportunities and will follow up with the HIV Prevention Advocates.

Adjournment:

Dennis Huff adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Next Meeting:

The next full group meeting is scheduled for Tues. March 11, 2008 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Area Agency on Aging at 1366 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix in the 1st floor conference room. Please contact Mary for more information at (602) 506-6009.

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